



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

October 20, 2009

Mr. Tim Ganz
EMS Representative
Missouri American Water Company – St. Joseph
800 NE County Line Road
St. Joseph, MO 64505

Dear Mr. Ganz:

We were pleased to have received your annual report. We accept it as written. It highlights the strides Missouri American Water Company – St. Joseph Groundwater Treatment Plant has made since the last annual report. These include:

- In 2008, Missouri American Water Company - St. Joseph Groundwater Treatment Plant recycled 2,000 pounds of paper, 1,200 pounds of cardboard, 50 ink cartridges, 25 pounds of aluminum, and 20 pounds of nickel-cadmium wet batteries..
- In 2008, 4,781 dry tons of water treatment residuals were beneficially land applied.
- Missouri American Water Company - St. Joseph Groundwater Treatment Plant continues to realize energy savings from the installation of timers on the fluorescent lighting in the clarifier walkways.
- Missouri American Water Company - St. Joseph Groundwater Treatment Plant re-plumbed the drains for the clean sample- tap water. This has resulted in approximately 8,300,000 gallons being recycled to the head of the plant instead of draining to the sanitary sewer.

Missouri American Water Company - St. Joseph Groundwater Treatment Plant also completed several additional objectives that strive to protect the environment:

- The facility does annual monitoring of well-field test wells for water quality assurance.
- The facility evaluated the feasibility of installing an electricity generating wind turbine. It was found to not be feasible at this time because of high up-front costs.
- The facility enhanced biodiversity and reduced fossil fuel consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions, on their property by planting a five acre native prairie on the plant grounds.
- The facility partnered with the Boy Scouts and Kansas City Power and Light to install a nesting platform for Bald Eagles.

These items reduced pollution as well as saved money. Missouri American Water Company – St. Joseph is commended for its efforts. We would like to publicize your company's efforts on our website and possibly in various publications. Please let us know if this would be a problem.

Sincerely,

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM

Original Signed by Lucy Thompson

Lucy Thompson, Gatekeeper
Department of Natural Resources

c: Keith Bertels